

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 329
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Billie Jean
Chrisman upon being inducted into the
Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Billie Jean Chrisman is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chrisman was recently inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Billie Jean Chrisman joins the ranks of numerous educators who have been previously inducted into the circle of honor at the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, which is co-sponsored each year by Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) and overseen by a Board of Governors that represents major educational organizations statewide; and

WHEREAS, wholly deserving of this honor, Billie Jean Chrisman has served with acumen and alacrity as an English teacher for over forty years at Cannon County High School (1961-1967), Murfreesboro Central High School (1967-1972), Murfreesboro Oakland High School (1972-2003), and Murfreesboro Siegel High School (2003-2004); and

WHEREAS, in the Fall semester of 2002, Ms. Chrisman taught correspondence courses at Middle Tennessee State University as an adjunct, and from 1993 to 1994, she was the Rutherford County Board of Education facilitator for Spectrum, a gifted education program; and

WHEREAS, Billie Jean Chrisman developed and continues to implement a workshop review of ACT and SAT skills, and she also coordinated the efforts of the American Legion and

the American Legion Auxiliary in their selectin and support of girls state and boys state delegates; and

WHEREAS, serving on Rutherford County committees, Ms. Chrisman has worked to update the secondary English curriculum, selected textbooks for county schools, and developed the End of Year Subject Test for English; she was also one of three public school English teachers in the State to be selected to develop the Tennessee English Framework; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to her virtuous character, Ms. Chrisman has worked with Middle Tennessee State University to provide “hands-on” classroom experience for college students prior to student teaching, and she has provided student teaching experience for seventeen MTSU English majors; she also served on MTSU’s Council on Teacher Education from 1988-1990; and

WHEREAS, a Board Member of the Rutherford County Tennis Association from 1990-1993, Ms. Chrisman worked to promote tennis county-wide; she was a member of the USTA Super Senior 4.0 tennis team which placed first in State in 2003-2004; and

WHEREAS, evincing great love for the arts, Ms. Chrisman has served several terms as a board member for the Murfreesboro Little Theater; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of East Main Church of Christ, Ms. Chrisman continues to serve on the church food committee; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who worked assiduously during her career to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as students and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Billie Jean Chrisman truly serves as an inspiration to the educational community of Tennessee, and she epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Billie Jean Chrisman’s life of teaching and service should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Billie Jean Chrisman for her meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate her upon being inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.